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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as "The Canadian Lawn Tennis Association."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS.

SECT. 1. There shall be two classes of members :—

1. Clubs.
2. Associations of Clubs.

SECT. 2. An association of clubs shall consist of five or more individual clubs, any one of which may, or may not, be itself a member of the Canadian Association. But no club shall otherwise be a member of more than one association.

SECT. 3. Every such association shall represent either a stated section of the country, or a stated number of schools and colleges, and in each case its stated limits shall necessarily exclude to that extent the stated limits of every other association.

SECT. 4. *Propositions for Membership.*—Propositions for membership must be made in writing to the Executive Committee, hereinafter provided for, with the name and address of the applicant, and signed by

the Secretary of the club or association making the proposal. Where the applicant is an association, the names and addresses of each of its members shall be given with the application, together with a statement of the limits that it desires to represent; and thereafter such association, if elected, shall notify the Secretary of the Canadian Association of any changes in its membership immediately upon occurrence.

SECT. 5. The Executive Committee shall have full power to pass upon candidates for membership without a general election.

SECT. 6. *Dues, etc.*—The annual dues of this Association, in the case of clubs, shall be five dollars (\$5), and, in the case of association of clubs, shall be twenty dollars (\$20), except that where any association is composed of more than ten clubs, its annual dues shall, in addition, be ten dollars (\$10) for every five clubs or fraction thereof members of it so additional. No club or association shall be allowed the privileges of a member until its first annual dues have been paid. All dues for the ensuing year shall be payable ~~at the annual~~

~~meeting.~~ *on or before 1st July in each year*

SECT. 7. *Limits of Payments, etc.*—Any club or association which shall fail to have paid its annual dues at the expiration of one month after the annual meeting, may be debarred from the privileges of a member by the Executive Committee, and, at their discretion, may be dropped from the roll.

SECT. 8. *Resignations, etc.*—Any member wishing to resign must do so in writing, addressed to the Secretary; and the resignation cannot be accepted until all dues are paid.

ARTICLE III.

EXPULSIONS, ETC.

The Executive Committee of this Association, hereinafter provided for, shall have the power to suspend or expel any member which may neglect or refuse a strict and honorable compliance with this Constitution, By-Laws, etc., or which shall, by scandalous conduct, bring reproach or disgrace upon the Association; or which shall, being itself an association, retain as one of its members any club objected to by notice in writing by the Executive Committee, subject to a right of the said member to appeal to the Association, at its next annual meeting, for reinstatement.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECT. 1.—The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of twelve members, including the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the Committee. No person can be an officer who is not an active member of a club belonging either directly to this Association, or indirectly, as specified in Art. II., Sect. 2.

SECT. 2. *Time and Mode of Election.*—The election of officers shall be by ballot at the annual meeting in each year. They shall be voted for separately, and receive a majority of all votes cast to entitle them to an election; and they shall continue in office for one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

These duties shall commence on 1st Augt. in each year.

SECT. 3. *Vacancies.*—In case a vacancy should occur in any of the offices, the Executive Committee shall elect a member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

SECT. 4. *Duties of the President.*—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to preserve order, to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and to see that the officers and committees perform their respective duties.

SECT. 5. *The Vice-President.*—The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and shall exercise all the powers of the President in his absence.

SECT. 6. *The Secretary.*—The Secretary shall keep a roll of all the members, and from time to time amend and correct the same as circumstances may require. He shall notify new members of their election within two weeks thereafter, and shall give notice of all meetings at least two weeks in advance. He shall conduct all the correspondence of the Association, and keep copies of all letters in a book provided for that purpose. He shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Association, and a record of such matters of interest as may occur.

SECT. 7. *The Treasurer.*—The Treasurer shall keep, in a suitable book provided for that purpose, an account of all moneys received and paid. He shall liquidate all bills against the Association, and shall report in writing the state of the finances when required; and, at the annual meeting, he shall present a written report showing all the receipts and expenditures for the year.

up to the 1st July & shall have the books audited by any two members of the Committee before handing them over to the Treasurer elect.

SECT. 8. *Executive Committee, etc.*—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to see that the general provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association are complied with by members of the same; to hear and decide all questions submitted by members for decision, notice of hearing being given to any other member which may be affected by the question; to construe and enforce all the rules of the Association. All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be complied with forthwith; but an appeal therefrom may be taken by any member of the Association at its next annual meeting. The Executive Committee shall have the arrangement and management of any general tournament between the members of this Association.

Each member of the Executive Committee must represent a club of which he is an active member, said club belonging either directly to this Association, or indirectly as specified in Art. II., Sect. 2, ~~and being also, either a different club, or, if a member of an association, then a club of a different association from any club represented by any other member of the Committee.~~ Five shall constitute a quorum.

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ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS, ETC.

SECT. 1. There shall be a stated annual meeting held, on a date to be fixed by the President, in the month of July in each year, at a place to be designated at the previous annual meeting, or by the President in the absence of other designation.

SECT. 2. *Proxies, etc.*—Members may be represented at meetings by delegates or proxies.

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SECT. 3. *Special Meetings, etc.*—Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee at any time, and shall be called by the Executive Committee at the request of any five members of the Association.

SECT. 4. At all meetings of the Association the representatives of eleven members shall constitute a quorum

SECT. 5. Each member of the Association shall, at all meetings, be entitled to one vote if it be a member in Class 1, and it shall be entitled to two votes, and to one additional vote for every five clubs or fraction thereof members of it over ten if it be a member in Class 2, the vote or votes to be cast by its delegates or proxies.

Each delegate or proxy must be an active member of a club belonging either directly to this Association, or indirectly as specified in Art. II., Sect. 2, and present written credentials properly certified by the member he represents.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS, ETC.

Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting by a vote of at least two-thirds of all the votes cast. By-Laws may be amended at any annual or special meeting under the same provisions.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

ORDER OF BUSINESS, ETC.

SECT. 1. The order of business for this Association shall be as follows:—

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Collection of Dues.
5. Treasurer's Report.
- 8 6. Reports of Committees.
- 7 7. Elections.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

SECT. 2. *Time of Electing Officers, etc.*—The election of officers at the annual meeting shall take place immediately after the reading of the reports of the various officers and committees.

The officers elected shall enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the 1st of August, and be entitled to the possession of all books, papers, moneys and other property belonging to the Association pertaining to their respective offices, and in the possession of their predecessors.

ARTICLE II.

LAWS OF LAWN TENNIS.

SECT. 1. All clubs represented in this Association shall be governed by the laws of Lawn Tennis as laid down by this Association, and that the same as laid down by the ~~M. C. C. & A. E. L. T. C.~~ be adopted.

SECT. 2. *Laws of Matches, Etc.*—All matches played by clubs represented in this Association shall be played under all the rules adopted by it.

SECT. 3. None but amateurs shall be allowed to enter for any match or matches played under the auspices of this Association.

SECT. 4. An amateur is one who has never played or taught any sport as one of his ordinary means of livelihood, or in connection therewith, and this question in any given case, is to be decided by the Executive Committee of the Canadian Association.

SECT. 5. No player shall be allowed to enter for any match given by this Association unless he is an active member in a club belonging either directly to this Association, or indirectly as specified in Art. II., Sect. 2, of the Constitution. But the Executive Committee is empowered, at their discretion, to invite any ~~non-residents of Canada~~ *non-players* to enter for any match given by this Association.

ARTICLE III.

SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS.

Any article or section of these By-Laws may be suspended for any one meeting by a two-thirds' vote of all cast.

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